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SUBJECT: US-FRENCH SCIENTIFIC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM:

PRELIMINARY FRENCH THOUGHTS ON JANUARY 1976 MEETING

1. IN RECENT MEETINGS WITH MICHEL PEISSIK, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER, DGRST, EMBOFFS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW CURRENT FRENCH THOUGHTS ON THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COORDINATORS OF THE US-FRENCH SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAM SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN PARIS DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 1976. PEISSIK OUTLINED A NUMBER OF HIS CURRENT THOUGHTS, SOME OF WHICH HE HAD BRIEFLY REVIEWED--AND OTHERS HE HAD YET TO REVIEW--WITH DGRST'S DIRECTOR GENERAL HUBERT CURIEN.

2. PEISSIK INDICATED THAT MONDAY, JANUARY 12, WOULD NOT BE A GOOD DAY FOR THE MEETING AS CURIEN WOULD BE OTHERWISE ENGAGED FOR ALL OF THAT DAY. PEISSIK DID BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO HAVE DR. DAVID AND DR. ASTIN MEET WITH SOME OF THE PROJECT LEADERS TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON PROJECTS WHICH REQUIRED DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING AND POSSIBLY TO MEET WITH OTHERS CONCERNED WITH NEW PROJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

3. PEISSIK'S NEXT POINT WAS THAT MINISTER D'ORNANO

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WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WORKING SESSION WITH DR. DAVID AND

DR. ASTIN TO (A) REVIEW IN GENERAL TERMS PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM, TO (B) IDENTIFY HIS MINISTRY'S INTERESTS IN FUTURE PROJECTS AND POSSIBLY TO (C) IDENTIFY GENERAL PROBLEMS AS SEEN FROM THE GOF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH IN OVERALL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL BILATERAL ACTIVITIES. PEISSIK HAD NO INDICATION OF WHEN THIS MEETING WOULD BE DURING THE WEEK BUT HOPED THAT PLANS WOULD DEVELOP EARLY SO THAT OTHER APPOINTMENTS COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK.

4. PEISSIK ALSO INDICATED THAT HE AND OTHERS IN DGRST HAD CONSIDERED HOW THE MEETING MIGHT HELP FOCUS US-FRENCH SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRIEFING PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING ON THESE RELATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR HIS NEXT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY INVOLVE A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT MAY INCLUDE A SESSION WITH SENIOR ADVISERS AT THE ELYSEE.

5. SCICON MENTIONED THAT FROM THE US POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO USE SOME OF THE TIME DURING DR. DAVID'S VISIT TO HAVE HIM MEET WITH VARIOUS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND OTHER LABORATORY MANAGEMENT PEOPLE AND ADMINISTRATORS INVOLVED IN THE MORE SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY ANY NEW PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE FRENCH OR THE US FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MEETING.

6. PEISSIK WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION THAT DR. DAVID AND DR. ASTIN VISIT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS DURING THEIR STAY IN PARIS AND PARTICULARLY WELCOMED INDICATIONS FROM DR. DAVID OF HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN ANY VISITS OR MEETINGS.

7. ACTION: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONVEYING TO DR. DAVID FRENCH INTEREST IN KNOWING HIS PARTICULAR DESIRES FOR VISITS AND MEETINGS. WITH REFERENCE TO KRATZER'S LETTER TO DAVID OF OCTOBER 23, EMBASSY WOULD EXPECT THAT US PARTICIPANTS IN THE PARIS MEETING WOULD SPEND THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12 IN FRANCE RATHER THAN JUST THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE WEEK. (THERE WOULD BE NO MEETING PER SE ON JANUARY 12.) EMBASSY WOULD ALSO

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WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON CONTENTS OF MEETING AND DESIRED VISITS WHILE DR. DAVID AND DR. ASTIN ARE IN PARIS.
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